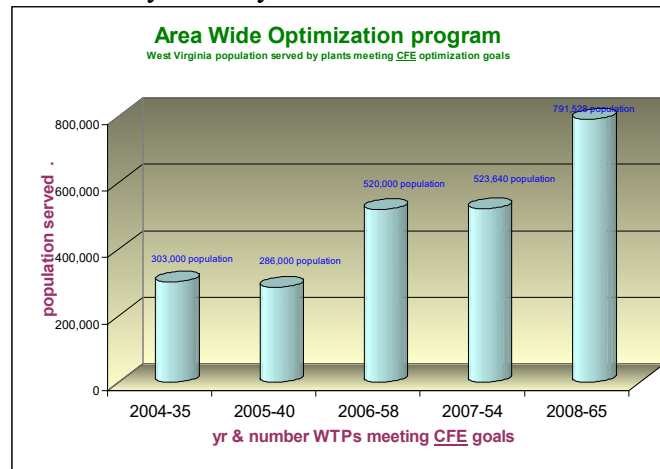


DWSRF Program Management - 10% SetAside

Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP)

EPA Region 3 commends WVDHHR for being an active participant in the Region's AWOP program. In WV, approximately 1.2 million people are served by surface water public water systems and the improvements to public health protection since 2004 are reflected in the chart, below. The chart indicates a continued increase in both the number of surface water plants that meet the combined filter effluent (CFE) AWOP goal of 0.10 NTU and the population served by these systems.



West Virginia hosted a Region 3 Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Meeting on October 15-16, 2008 at Cacapon State Park. Drinking water staff from all R3 states except for Delaware were in attendance including EPA's Technical Support Center. A meeting was held to discuss progress of their optimization programs.

Highlight

EPA has been working with WVDHHR on spending down the surplus of funds identified in its 10% and 15% Set-asides. A major road-block for the state has been securing contracts in a timely fashion. EPA began working with the state in late 2008 to provide an in-Kind service contract to expedite the utilization of the surplus funds in the 10% Set-aside. WVDHHR participated in the Region 3 AWOP Pilot Performance Based Training (PBT), which finished in 2007, and determined that implementing PBT in WV would be beneficial to the drinking water program. Over the next year, WVDHHR staff will be focusing their optimization efforts toward implementation of an initial round of Performance Based Training (PBT). PBT provided by the EPA contractor will target plant performance improvements of seven Public Water Systems (PWS) in southern WV. PBT is a training program which teaches plant operators leadership skills and problem solving techniques to assist them in optimizing their plant's performance.